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## STARTLING PLOTS BY RADICALS REVEALED

### PALMER ANNOUNCES PROGRAM OF REDS INCLUDED ASSASSINATIONS AND ASSAULTS AS WELL AS STRIKES

Effort in Behalf of Peace With Soviet Russia to Be Main Object of Demonstration.

VICTIMS ARE WARNED.

Facts in Hands Justice Department Show Reds Will Upset Nation's Scheme Living.

Washington, April 29.—Plots against the lives of more than a score of federal and state officials were discovered by the department of justice as a part of the radical May day demonstrations, Attorney General Palmer announced tonight. Palmer said that assassinations and assaults included in the May day program organized by the communist labor party and other radical elements were in addition to strikes and other disturbances intended as an effort in behalf of peace with soviet Russia.

State officials marked as victims have been notified and their co-operation requested in repressing radical demonstrations. Palmer said he had information that investigators of the May day demonstrations here have been working directly with leaders of disturbances planned for Europe. He said they planned to incite strikes in all basic American industries but did not believe they will be successful. He said federal agents are taking every precaution.

"I am not going to prophesy what will happen," Palmer said. "I am just making public some things our agents have discovered. But if a will to upset the nation's whole scheme of living counts for anything, radicals may cause some trouble."

Palmer said that while he could not disclose the nature of the communist labor party's plans in connection with further strikes, leaders of that organization had concentrated on several important industries and that demonstrations planned threatened to cause trouble in the way of walkouts. Tens of inflammatory literature have been circulated in the last month, according to the department of justice agents, some by express, freight and personally. The communist labor group also sent numerous "personal emissaries" into cities where the field was deemed ripe, Palmer reported. These are under surveillance. Men and women had been used particularly in the textile manufacturing districts, where they are appealing for a strike in behalf of soviet Russia and as a protest against the high cost of living, reports showed.

### VOICE RECORDS BY WIRELESS

London, April 29.—Experiments which have been carried out here have resulted in the making of a talking machine record on wax of a voice transmitted by wireless telephone forty miles away.

While the voice was speaking at Chelmsford in the county of Essex, where there is a high power instrument capable of transmitting the voice hundreds of miles the equipment at the receiving plant in the Strand, London, was attached to a recorder which engraved the messages in soft wax in the same way as an ordinary talking machine disc is manufactured.

The record when produced was perfectly audible, though a trifle "patchy." With larger amplifiers the result, it is said, would have been louder though rather hoarse in its effect.

### REPUBLICANS IN SPLIT OVER GEROW

Tallahassee, April 29.—A legal contest to determine who is the lawful chairman of the republican state central committee in Florida was started today when Hon. Fred T. Myers, of Tallahassee and Col. Herbert L. Anderson, of Jacksonville, a claimant of the republican state chairmanship, applied to and obtained from the state supreme court, a rule nisi commanding Daniel T. Gerow, of Jacksonville, alleged to be the usurping chairman, to show cause to the supreme court next Wednesday morning why a writ of quo warranto should not be issued to oust him (Gerow) from the said chairmanship.

### HARDING LEADS IN OHIO RACE

Columbus, Ohio, April 29.—Complete unofficial returns in the republican presidential preference primary give Senator Harding a plurality of 16,000 over Major General Wood, but Harding's national campaign manager, Harry M. Daugherty, was defeated for delegate-at-large by a Wood man. Harding apparently will have 39 of Ohio's 48 delegates pledged to him.

### FRENCH LABOR STRIKE CALLED

General Walkout On May 1 is Part of Political Revolution Program of Labor.

EXTREMISTS IN CONTROL.

Nationalization of Public Utilities With Labor Representation On Boards Demanded.

Paris, April 29.—A general strike of French labor was called today to take effect May 1. Prominent labor leaders say they mean to fight to a finish for realization of the general political aims of French labor with nationalization of public utilities, labor representation on all boards and commissions dealing with transportation and postal telegraph services.

Extremists who have captured control of the railroad workers federation are attempting to make the May 1 strike a starting point for an unlimited general strike, nationalization of public utilities.

Strike notices subject to the approval of the general labor federation, have been issued by the executive committee of the railroad federation, which does not wish to risk failure because of lack of support from the parent organization. Delegations of railroaders were closeted with the executive committee of the general federation until late last night trying to persuade or force the latter to support revolutionary plans. More than diplomatic secrecy has been maintained as to this consultation, but as far as can be ascertained no decision was reached, the labor federation being opposed in principle to political strikes.

The executive of the labor federation will see Premier Millerand today and a meeting of the cabinet has been called to consider the situation, which is confused but very grave.

Madrid, April 29.—Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the province of Oviedo, according to official announcement. This step was taken as a precaution against possible disturbance of May 1.

[Declaration of a state of siege in Saragossa is reported, this being made necessary by the unrest prevalent among miners. The general strike called in the city of Saragossa some days ago has spread throughout the province.]

### DR. WORK HEADS MEDICAL BODY

New Orleans, April 29.—Dr. Herbert Work of Pueblo, Colorado, was elected president of the American Medical Association this afternoon. Boston was chosen for the next convention.

### GRAND JURY IS PROBING STRIKE

Federal Machinery to Punish Leaders of Unauthorized Walkout is in Action.

New York, April 29.—Federal action to punish leaders of the unauthorized strike of railroad workers in the New York-New Jersey district was begun in Newark today when United States District Attorney Joseph L. Bodine called a number of witnesses before a grand jury to testify regarding the strike.

The action followed a conference here yesterday of Assistant District Attorney Ames, Mr. Bodine and United States District Attorney Caffey at the conclusion of which it was announced that indictments would be sought both in New York and New Jersey.

Virtually all traces of the strike now have disappeared, according to statements made by officials of the various railroads.

New York, April 29.—Invitation from Secretary of Labor Wilson to meet Saturday in his office was said today to have prevented the breaking off of relations between members of the deadlocked sub-committee of miners and operators seeking a working agreement for anthracite fields. They accepted the invitation.

Buffalo, New York, April 29.—The railroad yards at Buffalo were tied up tonight by resumption of the strike of switchmen and yard conductors.

### SUGAR REFINERS SAY THEY'LL COOPERATE

Washington, April 29.—Sugar refiners have agreed to cooperate with the government in preventing the resale of sugar to trade and to that extent decrease speculation, Attorney General Palmer announced tonight.

### PALMER ARGUES ON FAIR PRICES

Asserts Department of Justice Was Exercising Lawful Discretion in Accepting.

QUIZZED BY CONGRESS.

House Judiciary Committee Investigates Reason for Boosting of Louisiana Sugar.

Washington, April 29.—Acceptance of "fair" prices by the department of justice was defended today by Attorney General Palmer before the House Judiciary committee, which is investigating his agreement with Louisiana sugar growers that 17 and 18 cents would not be considered unfair maximum price for their product.

Mr. Palmer declared that the acceptance of the "fair" prices was "not fixing a price, but the exercising of the lawful discretion in announcing what the government would regard as a violation of the law."

"For any one to say such action was a violation of the law," said the attorney general, "shows a lamentable ignorance of the law. If I am guilty in Louisiana, then I am guilty elsewhere throughout the country with respect to all necessities and there is plenty of room for the records of the department of justice to find me guilty."

The attorney general said prosecutions had been brought against "hundreds and hundreds of profiteers," by the department since last fall and that all were on the theory that the price charged for a commodity beyond a certain figure was unfair.

"Fair" prices were determined by the "fair price committee," he continued, organized last fall throughout the country. These committees he described as "the weapons of the House" for fighting rising living costs.

Congress in amending the Lever food control act so as to punish the profiteering, was aware of the department's plan of announcing fair prices through local committees, Mr. Palmer said. The plan, he added, made the committee a jury and prices fixed by it served as a warning of what a court jury would hold on the same evidence was a fair price.

The Louisiana sugar prices Mr. Palmer explained, were changed after the department, following inquiry and discussion with growers, had announced 17 and 18 cents as "fair" and would not lead to prosecutions for profiteering.

Only by the announcement of fair prices, the attorney general argued could speedy protection be given the public from profiteering.

The attorney general declared that by the department's action as to Louisiana sugar, "millions were charged for this sugar."

"Without this action, Louisiana sugar would have sold upwards of 22 cents a pound," he told the committee, explaining that Louisiana growers had shown him "requests for purchases made on a basis of 21 and 22 cents a pound."

"I would have hated myself," continued Mr. Palmer, "if I had determined 17 cents was a fair price and kept it locked in my breast."

### LOCAL WEATHER

(Compiled for The Journal by Weather Bureau Office.)

Pensacola, April 30, 1920.  
Sunrise, 5:07; sunset, 6:25.  
Moonrise, 4:30 p. m.; moonset, 3:30 a. m.

Next phase of the moon, full moon, May 2nd.  
High tide, 8:26 a. m.; low tide, 6:55 p. m.

Yesterday's Weather.  
TEMPERATURE—7 a. m. 12 m. 7 p. m.  
Dry bulb..... 64 66 67  
Wet bulb..... 53 55 53  
Highest, 68; lowest, 59; mean, 64; normal, 71.

Mean same date last year, 69.  
Accumulated deficiency this year to date, 196.

Highest of record for April, 92 deg.  
Lowest of record for April, 34 deg.

### RAINFALL

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., 0.  
Total for this month to 7 p. m., 8.63.  
Normal for April 3.16 inches.

Accumulated excess this year to date, 1.50.

### HUMIDITY

7 a. m. 49; 12 noon, 47; 7 p. m., 69.

### BAROMETER

7 a. m., 30.14; 7 p. m., 30.11.

### BONUS CAUSES G. O. P. BREAK

Two Members of House Ways and Means Committee Desert Old Guard for Insurgents.

SALES TAX IS BLAMED

Republican Regulars Now Have Majority of One Over Democrats in Full Committee.

Washington, April 29.—Opposition among house republicans to a sales tax for raising part of the billion, eight hundred million needed for soldier relief legislation, led today to an open break at the final meeting of republican members of the ways and means committee called to complete the draft of the measure.

Representative Young, of North Dakota, and Representative Fear, of Wisconsin, bolted and joined the conference of republican insurgents to lay plans for a fight at the party caucus tomorrow night.

Their withdrawal from the ways and means committee left the republican majority of one in the full committee, if the bolters vote with the democrats. Republican leaders plans, call for the sales taxes to start next January and cash bonus payments to be made in installments beginning April 1, 1921.

### KENTUCKY ROCK IS SUGGESTED

State Road Department May Use It in Construction of Florida Highways.

Tallahassee, April 29.—The State Road department adjourned at 4 o'clock this afternoon after a two-day's session. J. D. Smith of Marianna, John E. Gilbert of Jacksonville, and L. C. Register of Jasper, left immediately for Louisville, where they will investigate for the department the feasibility of the use of Kentucky rock asphalt for Florida road building.

Among the matters acted upon by the department were the following: Acted on bids for construction of Blackwater river bridge at Milton and Choctawhatchee river bridge near Caryville. The department rejected all bids.

The department also rejected all bids for the construction of the Bay county road from Panama City to the Jackson county line, designated as a state aid road the road extending from Perry in Taylor county, via Oldtown, Lafayette county, Trenton and Newberry, Alachua county to Gainesville, the same having been heretofore designated by the Dixie Highway Association as the West-Coast Route of the Dixie Highway.

The department adopted a resolution pledging the aid of the department, when in funds, toward building state aid road number eight across the northern portion of Lafayette county and another resolution pledging assistance of the department, when in funds, toward constructing the road across the southern portion of Lafayette county.

As to the situation in Madison county the department made this proposal that if Madison county will bond for \$600,000 to apply on the construction of state road number one across said county and a road leading from road number one to the Georgia line and a road leading from road number one to the Taylor county line and state aid road number eight across said county, the department will, when the funds are available from state bond issue of otherwise complete the construction of said roads.

The department also designated as state aid roads the following: The road from Milton to the Alabama state line in Santa Rosa county, known as the Milton to Brewton road; the Lake county road from Leesburg, via Groveland to the intersection of state road number two at Winterhaven and the road from Tampa to Clearwater via Safety Harbor. In every instance where the department agrees to aid in road construction it is meant that such assistance will be rendered where the department has available funds. It is also the policy of the department that when it is to match the expenditure of county money with department funds that the construction by the county shall be under the supervision of the department.

### SOLDIERS ATTEND SOCIETY WEDDING

New York, April 29.—Doughboy pals of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who served as a private in the 27th division in France, mingled with members of New York's most exclusive social circles today at the wedding of Vanderbilt and Miss Rachel Littleton, in St. Thomas Episcopal church.

### LABOR PARTY MEETS IN CHICAGO JULY 11

Chicago, April 29.—The National Labor party convention will be held in Chicago July 11, 12 and 13 to nominate candidates for president and vice president and draft a platform. It was announced today by Frank J. Esper, national secretary.

### SUGAR CASE IS YET UNDECIDED

Judge Avery Continues Willenik Cases Until Monday When Decision Will Be Made.

PROFITEERING CHARGED

Government Testimony is That Sugar Cost 17 1/2 Cents and Was Sold for 25 Cents.

Judge John C. Avery, U. S. commissioner, yesterday continued the cases of Meyer and William Willenik, charged with violation of the Lever act, until 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at which time he will render his decision as to whether or not they are to be bound over to the federal grand jury.

District Attorney John L. Neeley and Assistant District Attorney George Earle Hoffman handled the government's case, and Philip D. Beall appeared for the defendants. With Mr. Beall were Rhoulac Anderson and W. H. Watson. Mr. Watson addressed the court at length, by permission, on the proper construction of the law.

The government showed that two pounds of sugar were purchased from Meyer Willenik on April 22 for 50 cents. Testimony that the sugar was sold to the Garden Cash Grocery at 18.50 a hundred weight, f. o. b. New Orleans, according to a statement to Mr. Elliott by Mr. Willenik, was not disputed.

John Brown, confidential agent and sales manager for the Louis Christenson Co., of New Orleans, said that on April 5, he sold 5 barrels of sugar to the Garden Cash Grocery for 17 cents, f. o. b. New Orleans. Mr. Elliott said Mr. Willenik told him he bought 10 sacks of sugar from McCloskey Bros., and 5 barrels from Christenson at 18.50 a hundred weight.

On cross-examination by Mr. Beall, Mr. Elliott said he could not tell the difference between American granulated sugar and foreign granulated. Mr. Brown said that on April 22 sugar was quoted at wholesale at 24 to 25 1/2 cents a pound, wholesale, f. o. b. New Orleans.

On re-direct examination, Mr. Brown said that sugar he sold to Mr. Willenik was sold at 17 cents, f. o. b. New Orleans.

W. J. Speed, general freight agent for the L. and N., said that the rate on shipments from New Orleans to Pensacola was 29 cents a hundred-weight during the month of April.

Max L. Bear said that during the week of April 19 sugar was quoted, wholesale, at 27 to 29 cents a pound. He said that he had received a small amount, about 5,000 pounds, of American Refinery sugar at \$16.50 which he sold for \$17.85.

W. L. Moyer told the court that he had received some American Refinery Co. sugar at \$15.30 and sold it at \$16.30. He retailed it at 19 cents a pound.

Mr. Beall objected when Mr. Hoffman asked the witness if he considered 25 cents a pound was an unreasonable price when sugar was bought at \$17.00, f. o. b. New Orleans.

Judge Avery ruled that he needed the information and directed the witness to answer.

Mr. Moyer said he believed it would be an unreasonable profit.

On cross-examination Mr. Moyer said the sugar he sold at \$16.30 was domino sugar and that he had sold some foreign granulated on the same day at \$26 to \$26.50 a hundred-weight.

He said that a merchant ought to make from 20 to 25 per cent profit on individual sales in order to do business, and that varying profits on different lines were necessary.

The defense did not introduce a witness. Mr. Beall recalled Mr. Elliott to ask him what kind of sugar he had bought and Mr. Elliott said it was granulated but he couldn't tell foreign from domestic.

In the opening argument for the government, Mr. Hoffman asserted that the government had clearly shown that the sugar had been bought for 17 cents and sold for 25 cents and declared that this constituted an unreasonable profit of nearly 50 per cent.

Mr. Beall's argument was divided into two parts, one that no evidence had been brought to show that William Willenik was a member of the

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### REVOLUTIONISTS AND CARRANZA TROOPS STAGE FIRST CLASH ON CHIHUAHUA AND SONORA BORDER

### TEAMS RUNNING NECK AND NECK

Chamber of Commerce Membership Campaign is Reported to Be Progressing Well.

BANQUET SERVED TONIGHT

Captain Hervey Will Be Host and Imperial Company Will Supply the Smokes.

The teams captioned by J. A. Avant and Charles B. Hervey in the chamber of commerce membership campaign are running neck and neck, according to reports from the secretary last night.

Final reports on the drive will be made at 6 o'clock tonight when every card is expected to be turned in to the secretary so that the figures may be compiled in time for a statement to be made at the banquet tonight.

Charles B. Hervey, who captains one of the teams, has volunteered to act as host at the dinner to be given members of all teams and all who took part in the campaign. The bell will ring at 8 o'clock and the banquet will be served in the main cafe.

Harry Waggenheim, of the Imperial Cigar and Tobacco Co., will donate the Pensacola-made cigars for the party.

All captains, lieutenants and workers will meet again this morning at 9:30 o'clock for the last day of the campaign.

### DELTA FARMERS ARE MAROONED

Yazoo City, Miss., April 29.—The steamer Sunbeam left here today carrying provisions to marooned farmers of the Delta district who have been cut off by rising backwaters of the Sunflower river. Many head of livestock have been drowned, according to reports here. Scores of families are living in the second stories of their homes and most of the remaining livestock has been hoisted into the lofts of barns.

### BURLESON DENIED REHEARING RATES

Washington, April 29.—Petitions of the postmaster general and the Western Association of Short Line Railroads for a hearing and a revised finding as to fair and reasonable rates for the transportation of mail were denied today by the interstate commerce commission.

### CHRISTY ASKS ARMY SUPPORT

Commandant At Air Station Heartily Approves Salvation Army Work During War.

Capt. H. H. Christy of the navy yard, has accepted the chairmanship of the Salvation Army Home Service Fund Campaign for Escambia County. Former Governor Earl Brewer of Mississippi, and Franklin K. Lane, just before resigning his portfolio as secretary of the interior, accepted the appointment as national chairman.

"The service of the Salvation Army cannot be adequately measured in dollars and cents," Capt. Christy said. "There is no armistice with poverty and sin—the Salvation Army's fight along the home sector carries on day after day. Commander Evangeline Booth has summed up a great deal in this one sentence—There is little difference between the mud of Flanders and the slime of the city gutters. It is there that the Salvation Army, practically alone, reaches out a helping hand to fallen men and women."

In place of the old plan of soliciting dimes and nickels in the tambouring the Salvation Army has adopted the plan of making an annual appeal for funds with which to carry on its work of rescue and relief. The appeal this year will be from May 10 to May 20. "In accepting the chairmanship of this country, I have done so because I believe it to be my duty to give up whole hearted help to this work, which should be the work of everyone. I know I can count on the ungrudging support of the people of Escambia county for service as well as funds."

Fighting Took Place in Mountain Passes and Only One Man On Each Side Was Killed.

### CHIHUAHUA CITY TAKEN

American Cruisers Salem and Sacramento Reach Destinations; Mazatlan and Tampico.

Aguaprieta, April 29.—Carranza troops and revolutionists had their first clash in the mountain dividing Chihuahua and Sonora today, it was announced at military headquarters here tonight. Sonora troops captured eleven prisoners. One man on each side was killed.

The fighting took place in Pulpito Pass through the mountains about a hundred and ten miles southeast of here. Sonorians also claim the capture of a small amount of ammunition and supplies.

Washington, April 29.—Capture of Chihuahua City by rebels, formerly officers and men of the Federal Garrison there was reported today to the State Department.

Laredo, Texas, April 29.—Cosme Hinojosa, until recently postmaster general, under the Carranza government in Mexico, is being held in custody by the sheriff here tonight after being arrested, charged with the theft of the equivalent of fifty thousand dollars in Mexican government funds. The complaint was filed by the Mexican consul.

El Paso, April 29.—All was tranquil today in Juarez after a night of uncertainty as to the attitude of the garrison there would assume toward the Sonora revolution. The officers and men have reiterated their loyalty to Carranza.

Washington, April 29.—The American cruisers Salem and Sacramento were reported today to have reached their respective destinations at Mazatlan and Tampico, where they were ordered in response to the request of American representatives in those cities that protection be afforded American life and property. Commanding officers of the two vessels had made no report today as to the situation in the two ports.

The state department announced today that George T. Summerlin, American charge at Mexico City who has been in Washington conferring with department officials left Laredo yesterday for the Mexican capital, where he should arrive by the end of the week.

Official dispatches from Mexico today stated that six hundred federal troops reached Vera Cruz on Tuesday and were sent to Alvarado, a few miles south of Vera Cruz, where the federal garrison revolted and looted the town.

Railway and telegraph communication between Juarez and Chihuahua City remain interrupted and trains going south from Juarez have been compelled to return after having made only half the distance to Chihuahua City.

Banditry is reported near Guadalajara where the Mexican government yesterday reported General Dieguez had 8,000 federal troops mobilized. On Monday the bandits seized the power plant outside the city and shut off the light, power and water from the city.

Agua Prieta, April 29.—President Carranza's "steel ring" which it was announced from Mexico City he intended placing about revolutionary Sonora, has been broken and part of the "ring" has joined the revolution, reports to this base of operations indicated today.

In Chihuahua approximately 4,000 Carranza troops had revolted, according to an estimate by General P. Elias Calles, rebel commander in the northwest at his headquarters here.

The Chihuahua situation has assured the Sonorians their state will not be invaded, according to General Calles. General Calles said he expected Juarez, across the international boundary from El Paso, Tex., to join the revolt. Mexicans here called attention to a Mexican belief that "he who takes Juarez, takes Mexico."

Mazatlan, the largest Mexican port on the Pacific coast, was reported yesterday under attack by rebel troops under General Angel Flores. The report had not been confirmed today.

### GRANTED REPRIEVE TO STAY EXECUTION

Ossining, N. Y., April 29.—Four men, convicted of the murder of a Bronx subway agent, who were sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing tonight, were granted a reprieve by Governor Smith this afternoon. They are Joseph Milano, James Cassidy, Joseph Usefow and Charles McLoughlin. Milano is alleged to have confessed today that he alone killed the agent, who was slain in preventing the robbery of his station.